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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This is an original utility patent application.

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING THE ASCENT AND DESCENT OF PIPE IN A WELL BORE, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination and patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

At this time I do not claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC §119.

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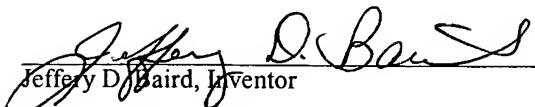
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